

4. (Amended) The system of claim 3 wherein the one or more resources include equipment.

5. (Amended) A system for scheduling time intervals for a plurality of invitees comprising:

one or more databases, in communication with one or more servers, which store one or more invitee profiles for one or more potential invitees of the system, the one or more invitee profiles comprising user profiles wherein each user profile comprises information regarding available and unavailable times for that user and the electronic mail address for the user;

one or more user workstations, connected over a network to the one or more servers, operating a calendaring system that permits a user to request allocation of a time interval for the one or more potential invitees;

wherein the calendaring system gathers the profiles for the one or more potential invitees that are available in the one or more databases and determines whether those one or more potential invitees are available during the time interval requested; and

wherein the calendaring system invites the one or more potential invitees by using the electronic mail address stored in the invitee profile for the one or more potential invitees to send an invitation to the one or more potential invitees thereby making each of the one or more potential invitees an invitee and automatically updates the invitee's invitee profile based on the invitee's response to the invitation.

7. (Amended) A processor usable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for enabling group calendaring between a plurality of users on a computer system, the system comprising a database, associated with one or more servers, which stores one or more invitee profiles for one or more potential invitees of the system, the invitee profiles comprising user profiles wherein each user profile comprises information regarding available and unavailable times for that user and an electronic mail address for the user, the processor readable code in the processor usable medium comprising:

processor readable code for causing a processor to receive a request for allocation of a time interval for one or more potential invitees;

processor readable code for causing a processor to gather the profiles for the one or more potential invitees;

processor readable code for causing a processor to determine whether those one or more potential invitees are available during the requested time interval;

processor readable code for causing a processor to invite the one or more potential invitees to attend a meeting at the requested time interval by using the electronic mail address stored in the profile for each invitee to send an invitation to the one or more potential invitees thereby making each of the one or more potential invitees an invitee; and automatically updating the invitee's profile based on the invitee's response to the invitation.

8. (Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the invitee profiles comprise resource profiles regarding one or more resources, wherein each resource profile comprises information regarding available and unavailable times for the one or more resources.

9. (Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the one or more resources include rooms and wherein the profile comprises information about the capacity of the rooms.

10. (Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the one or more resources include equipment.

11. (Amended) The process of claim 6, wherein the invitee profiles comprise resource profiles regarding one or more resources, wherein each resource profile comprises information regarding available and unavailable times for the one or more resources.

12. (Amended) The process of claim 11, wherein the one or more resources include rooms and wherein the profile comprises information about the capacity of the rooms.

13. (Amended) The process of claim 11, wherein the one or more resources include equipment.

14. (Amended) The medium of claim 7, wherein the invitee profiles comprise resource profiles regarding one or more resources, wherein each resource profile comprises information regarding available and unavailable times for the one or more resources.

15. (Amended) The medium of claim 14, wherein the one or more resources include

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rooms and wherein the profile comprises information about the capacity of the rooms.

16. (Amended) The medium of claim 15, wherein the one or more resources include equipment.

20. (Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the determination of the one or more alternative start times is further based on weighting values assigned to one or more of the invitees.

30. (Amended) A computer readable medium, having encoded thereon a computer program operative to perform the method comprising

- storing availability information for one or more potential invitees to the event;
- receiving from an event coordinator a scheduling request specifying a list of invitees, a date, a start time, and an end time and/or a duration which determines the end time;
- retrieving availability information for one or more of the invitees listed in the request in response to receiving the request;
- presenting to the event coordinator information from which the event coordinator can determine whether or not the one or more invitees are available to attend the event;
- sending an invitation to one or more of the invitees listed in the request;
- receiving from an invitee a response to the invitation; and
- automatically modifying the availability information for the invitee in response to receiving the invitee's response if the invitee's response indicates that the invitee accepts the invitation, wherein the availability information is modified to indicate that the invitee is busy between at least the start time and end time on the date specified in the request.

Amended Claims

3. The system of claim 2 wherein the one or more resources include a plurality of rooms and wherein the profile comprises information about the capacity of each [the] room.

4. The system of claim 3 wherein the one or more resources include equipment.

5. A system for scheduling time intervals for a plurality of invitees comprising:
one or more databases, in communication with one or more servers, which store one or more invitee profiles for one or more potential invitees of the system, the one or more invitee profiles comprising user profiles wherein each user profile comprises information regarding available and unavailable times for that user and the electronic mail address for the user;

one or more user workstations, connected over a network to the one or more servers, operating a calendaring system that permits a user to request allocation of a time interval for the one or more potential invitees;

wherein the calendaring system gathers the profiles for the one or more potential invitees that are available in the one or more databases and determines whether those one or more potential invitees are available during the time interval requested; and

wherein the calendaring system invites the one or more potential invitees by using the electronic mail address stored in the invitee profile for the one or more potential invitees to send an invitation to the one or more potential invitees thereby making each of the one or more potential invitees an invitee and automatically updates the invitee's invitee profile based on the invitee's response to the invitation.

7. A processor usable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for enabling group calendaring between a plurality of users on a computer system, the system

comprising a database, associated with one or more servers, which stores one or more invitee profiles for one or more potential invitees of the system, the invitee profiles comprising user profiles wherein each user profile comprises information regarding available and unavailable times for that user and an [the] electronic mail address for the user, the processor readable code in the processor usable medium comprising:

processor readable code for causing a processor to receive a request for allocation of a time interval for one or more potential invitees;

processor [process] readable code for causing a processor to gather the profiles for the one or more potential invitees;

processor readable code for causing a processor to determine whether those one or more potential invitees are available during the requested time interval;

processor readable code for causing a processor to invite the one or more potential invitees to attend a meeting at the requested time interval by using the electronic mail address stored in the profile for each invitee to send an invitation to the one or more potential invitees thereby making each of the one or more potential invitees an invitee; and automatically updating the invitee's profile based on the invitee's response to the invitation.

8. The system of claim 5, wherein the invitee profiles comprise resource profiles regarding one or more resources, wherein each resource profile comprises information regarding available and unavailable times for the one or more resources.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein the one or more resources include rooms and wherein the profile comprises information about the capacity of the rooms.

10. The system of claim 9 wherein the one or more resources include equipment.

11. The process of claim 6, wherein the invitee profiles comprise resource profiles regarding one or more resources, wherein each resource profile comprises information regarding available and unavailable times for the one or more resources.

12. The process of claim 11, wherein the one or more resources include rooms and wherein the profile comprises information about the capacity of the rooms.

13. The process of claim 11, wherein the one or more resources include equipment.

14. The medium of claim 7, wherein the invitee profiles comprise resource profiles regarding one or more resources, wherein each resource profile comprises information regarding available and unavailable times for the one or more resources.

15. The medium of claim 14, wherein the one or more resources include rooms and wherein the profile comprises information about the capacity of the rooms.

16. The medium of claim 15, wherein the one or more resources include equipment.

20. The system of claim 19, wherein the determination of the one or more alternative start times is further based on weighting values assigned to one or more of the invitees.

30. A computer readable medium, having encoded thereon a computer program operative to perform the method comprising [of claim 26]

storing availability information for one or more potential invitees to the event;
receiving from an event coordinator a scheduling request specifying a list of invitees, a date, a start time, and an end time and/or a duration which determines the end time;

retrieving availability information for one or more of the invitees listed in the request in response to receiving the request;

presenting to the event coordinator information from which the event coordinator can determine whether or not the one or more invitees are available to attend the event;

sending an invitation to one or more of the invitees listed in the request;

receiving from an invitee a response to the invitation; and

automatically modifying the availability information for the invitee in response to receiving the invitee's response if the invitee's response indicates that the invitee accepts the invitation, wherein the availability information is modified to indicate that the invitee is busy between at least the start time and end time on the date specified in the request.